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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. UDALL of Colorado introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Northern Front Range
5 Roadless Area and Mountain Backdrop Protection Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROTECTED ROADLESS AREAS.**

7 (a) AREAS DESIGNATED.—Subject to the require-
8 ments of subsection (c), the following lands within the

1 Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests in Colorado shall
2 be managed as protected roadless areas:

3 (1) INDIAN PEAKS WILDERNESS ADJACENT
4 AREAS.—

5 (A) Certain lands in the Roosevelt Na-
6 tional Forest comprising approximately 10,804
7 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled
8 “Indian Peaks Adjacent Area Unit C” dated
9 July 2000, and which shall be known as “South
10 St. Vrain Protected Roadless Area”.

11 (B) Certain lands in the Roosevelt Na-
12 tional Forest comprising approximately 1,085
13 acres, as generally depicted on a map entitled
14 “Indian Peaks Adjacent Area Unit A” dated
15 July 2000, and which shall be known as
16 “Fourth of July Protected Roadless Area”.

17 (2) MOUNT EVANS WILDERNESS ADJACENT
18 AREAS.—

19 (A) Certain lands in the Arapaho National
20 Forest comprising approximately 5,741 acres as
21 generally depicted on a map entitled “Mount
22 Evans Adjacent Area Unit A” dated July 2000,
23 and which shall be known as “South Chicago
24 Creek Protected Roadless Area”.

1 (B) Certain lands in the Arapaho National
2 Forest comprising approximately 717 acres as
3 generally depicted on a map entitled “Mount
4 Evans Adjacent Area Unit B” dated July 2000,
5 and which shall be known as “Mount Goliath
6 Protected Roadless Area”.

7 (C) Certain lands in the Arapaho National
8 Forest comprising approximately 1,038 acres as
9 generally depicted on a map entitled “Mount
10 Evans Adjacent Area Unit C” dated July 2000,
11 and which shall be known as “Chief Mountain
12 Protected Roadless Area”.

13 (D) Certain lands in the Arapaho National
14 Forest comprising approximately 2,787 acres as
15 generally depicted on a map entitled “Mount
16 Evans Adjacent Area Unit D” dated July 2000,
17 and which shall be known as “Bear Creek Pro-
18 tected Roadless Area”.

19 (3) VASQUEZ PEAK WILDERNESS ADJACENT
20 AREAS.—Certain lands in the Arapaho National
21 Forest comprising approximately 6,133 acres as gen-
22 erally depicted on a map entitled “Vasquez Adjacent
23 Area” dated July 2000, and which shall be known
24 as “Jones Pass Protected Roadless Area”.

25 (4) OTHER AREAS.—

1 (A) Certain lands in the Arapaho National
2 Forest comprising approximately 25,382 acres
3 as generally depicted on a map entitled “Bard
4 Creek” dated July 2000, and which shall be
5 known as “Bard Creek Protected Roadless
6 Area”.

7 (B) Certain lands in the Arapaho National
8 Forest comprising approximately 8,317 acres as
9 generally depicted on a map entitled “Mt.
10 Sniktau” dated July 2000, and which shall be
11 known as “Mt. Sniktau Protected Roadless
12 Area”.

13 (C) Certain lands in the Roosevelt Na-
14 tional Forest comprising approximately 11,718
15 acres as generally depicted on a map entitled
16 “North St. Vrain” dated July 2000, and which
17 shall be known as “North St. Vrain Protected
18 Roadless Area”.

19 (D) Certain lands in the Arapaho National
20 Forest comprising approximately 6,444 acres as
21 generally depicted on a map entitled “Square
22 Top Mtn.” dated July 2000, and which shall be
23 known as “Square Top Mountain Protected
24 Roadless Area”.

1 (b) MAPS AND DESCRIPTIONS.—As soon as prac-
2 ticable after the date of the enactment of this Act, the
3 Secretary of Agriculture shall file with the Committee on
4 Resources of the House of Representatives and the Com-
5 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
6 a map and a boundary description of each of the areas
7 designated as protected roadless areas in subsection (a).
8 Such maps and boundary descriptions shall be on file and
9 available for public inspection in the Office of the Chief
10 of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

11 (c) MANAGEMENT.—The lands identified in sub-
12 section (a) shall be managed and administered by the Sec-
13 retary of Agriculture in the same manner as lands in-
14 cluded in the “recommended for wilderness” category for
15 management direction in the 1997 Revision of the Land
16 and Resource Management Plan for the Arapaho and Roo-
17 sevelt National Forests and the Pawnee National Grass-
18 lands so as to maintain their presently existing roadless
19 character and potential for inclusion in the National Wil-
20 derness Preservation System until Congress determines
21 otherwise. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, with
22 respect to the grazing of livestock, such lands shall be
23 managed according to the laws generally applicable to the
24 National Forest System.

1 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years following the
2 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Agri-
3 culture shall report to Congress recommendations on the
4 suitability or unsuitability of the lands identified in sub-
5 section (a) for inclusion in the National Wilderness Pres-
6 ervation System and such other recommendations as the
7 Secretary may wish to make regarding management of
8 such lands.

9 **SEC. 3. ROCKY FLATS FRONT RANGE MOUNTAIN BACK-**
10 **DROP PROTECTION AREA STUDY.**

11 (a) STUDY AND REPORT.—The Secretary of Agri-
12 culture, in consultation with appropriate State and local
13 agencies, shall review the lands within the area specified
14 in subsection (b) and not later than 1 year after the date
15 of the enactment of this Act shall report to Congress
16 regarding—

- 17 (1) the present ownership of such lands;
- 18 (2) which of such lands are undeveloped land
19 (as defined in subsection (b)(2)) but may be at risk
20 of development; and
- 21 (3) what actions could be taken by the United
22 States, the State of Colorado, or any other parties
23 to preserve the open and undeveloped character of
24 such lands.

25 (b) STUDY AREA AND DEFINITION.—

1 (1) STUDY AREA.—The study required by this
2 section shall include all lands in southern Boulder,
3 northern Jefferson, and northern Gilpin Counties,
4 Colorado, situated west of Colorado State Highway
5 93, south and east of Colorado State Highway 119,
6 and north of Colorado State Highway 46, excluding
7 lands within the city limits of the city of Boulder or
8 Golden, Colorado.

9 (2) DEFINITION.—As used in this section, the
10 term “undeveloped land” means land that is pri-
11 marily undeveloped open space that is part of the
12 Front Range Mountain Backdrop west of the Rocky
13 Flats Environmental Technology Site in Jefferson
14 County, Colorado.

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